

Love was in the air at the Sweetheart Driving Trial — love for the equines, love for the sport, and love for the friendships.

Drew Callahan of Callahan Performance Horses and Julie Mitchell of Fantazee Farms along with their clients loaded their trailers and hit the highways.

Valentine's Weekend 2026 was spent in beautiful Galway Downs in Temecula, where competitors enjoyed an unforgettable Sweetheart Driving Trial. Out of 17 total competitors, seven were proud members of the ADCS — can you say... ARIZONA REPRESENT!!!

Weather was gorgeous for each phase. Saturday featured dressage judged by the invaluable Teresa Bron, followed by a great cones course designed by Keith Yutzky. Sunday brought five fun obstacles — including two with water — and an exciting course through the cross country portion of Galway downs that kept everyone smiling.

To the testament of their trainers, every Arizona competitor came home with a ribbon and/or prize. It was wonderful to see such strong Arizona participation and support for this event. For some, this was their first time attending, while for others this show continues to impress year after year — and it never disappoints.

The Sweetheart Driving Trial is truly welcoming to all levels, whether you're competing at Training, Preliminary, or Intermediate, Int Hybrid. If you'd like to learn more about the experience, feel free to connect with one of the competitors and hear about their adventures!

Congratulations to our Arizona competitors:

Training Pony

- Cara Jones - Paris (DT &CT)
(Fantazee Farms)

Prelim Pony

- Donna Sicherman - Asher
(Callahan Performance Horses)

Prelim Horse

- Cyndi Callahan - Hunt'n 4 Luv
(Callahan Performance Horses)
- Bridget Phillips - Levante GTS
(Callahan Performance Horses)

Intermediate Pony

- Drew Callahan - Jack
(Callahan Performance Horses)
- Julie Mitchell - A Jazzy Moment
(Fantazee Farms)

Intermediate Hybrid Horse

- Bridget Phillips - Chestnut Hills Diamond
(Callahan Performance Horses)

A special thank you to Marc & Erin DiLeo, Tilly Andalusians, Whipp'r Snapper and everyone involved for creating such a fun show. It was fantastic to see Arizona supporting this event!

(Be sure to check out facebook pages for pictures.)